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For: MULTIPLE ACCESS PROTOCOL SYSTEM  
AND RELATED TECHNIQUES FOR MULTI-  
GIGABIT OPTICAL WAVELENGTH  
DIVISION MULTIPLEXED LOCAL AREA  
NETWORKS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 3, 2008, please enter the following amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and consider the remarks below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.